

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The motto of the school reflects the mission of our education, which is to develop in our students a sense of community spirit that enables them to develop as well rounded citizens. The aims of any charity work in the school are:

- To raise money for a cause so that it has a maximum impact upon our local community.
- To develop learning opportunities for our students through charity work.
- For students, in the ethos of the school, to “learn while doing”, and not just be passive fundraisers.
- For charity work to be a continual process and be returned upon year after year.

Through our charity work we aim to give our students the opportunity to display compassion, community and ethics. Key to this is making it personal, developing links with charitable organizations, specific institutions and even the people who are the target of our charity.

By doing this, the students become much more aware of why they are raising money, and can much more successfully develop their sense of morality.

The charity work of the school also looks to give our students learning opportunities to fulfil the ethos of the school and all students are expected to be conducting some kind of service on a continual basis, either by planning events, conducting service through the activity programme or helping others in the school. Long term links with locally accessible hospitals, businesses schools and charities, give our students the opportunity to fulfil those service based learning objectives which are so crucial to their passing of the IB.

Therefore it has been crucial for the school to develop long term links with Penang based charities and institutions of need. So far we have the following, but are looking to build further:

- Eden Handicapped School of District 4
- Recycling centre at Bukit Jambul

We are welcome to suggestions from board and staff. Local charity work where the impact can be seen is particularly valuable.

If we are to realize the aims of our charity work, which are outlined above, then positive PR will inevitably be a by product of our programme, but should not be the driving force behind it.

Additionally, there may be other charitable drives over the next year or two, which will be devised and developed by our students and parents.

All these schemes will inevitably play a large part in our charity drives for the foreseeable future.